GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7983
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CAUVERY WATER DISPUTE
MANI SHANKAR AIYAR

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

to reply given to the Unstarred Question No. 3921 dated April 19, 2000 and state:

(a) whether the flow measurements being made on a daily basis of the Central Water Commission's HydrologicalObservation Site on the river Cauvery at Billigundulu on the Karnataka-Tamil Nadu border, about 60 km. upstream of the Mettur reservoir, are in accordance with the data on inflows received at Mettur;

(b) if not, the steps being taken to reconcile differences in data; and

(c) the steps taken to resolve the differences between the State Governments of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu in respect of differences in data as measured at Billigundulu and Mettur respectively, as reportedly expressed at the solitary meeting held hitherto of the Cauvery Monitoring authority?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES

(SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) The observed flows measured at CWC siteat Billigundulu 60 km upstream of Mettur reservoir and inflows as reported by Government of Tamil Nadu at Mettur reservoir are not consistent with each other. Since the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal in their interim order have directed Karnataka to release water from its reservoirs so as to ensure that 205 TMC of water is available in Mettur reservoir in a year from June to May, the measurements done at Mettur are used for monitoring purpose.